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a final decision being taken on them. The Papanasam Reservoir project was not then ready for examination as gaugings were being taken. The Special Executive Engineer in charge of the Project Division made only a passing reference to it, and no others.

(*d*) Yes. The Papanasam project. Smaller schemes, viz., improvements to Marandai channel and extension of irrigation under Mandaikulam anicut and tank are under consideration by local officers.

Irrigation project for Papanasam, Tinnevelly district.

* 476 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the investigation of an irrigation project for Papanasam; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to consult the Tinnevelly public before final orders are passed on this project?

A.—(*a*) The Superintending Engineer has been directed by the Chief Engineer to examine the rainfall records and report on the possibility of taking up the Papanasam reservoir project as an independent irrigation scheme.

(*b*) The question of consulting the ryots concerned will be considered.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" With reference to clause (*a*) of this question, may I know how long the matter has been under the consideration of the Government? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."

Progress of the Tank Restoration Scheme work in the Tinnevelly district.

* 477 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the Tank Restoration Scheme work in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) the total area within the scope of the investigation with particulars for each basin, major and minor;

(*b*) the area that has been fully investigated up to now, with particulars as aforesaid;

(*c*) the works which have been executed in pursuance of the proposals and estimates prepared as a result of the investigation;

(*d*) the works for which estimates have been prepared, but not sanctioned for execution till now; and the works sanctioned and not executed;

(*e*) the works in respect of which execution is in progress; and

(*f*) what the Government propose to do to resume the investigation work which has been left incomplete?

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A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) A statement [a] giving the figures as they stood on 30th September 1932 is laid on the table. Later figures are not available.

(*f*) The question will be examined when a definite improvement in the financial position of the Province has established itself.

Repairs to the Marandai channel in the Tinnevelly district.

* 478 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Marandai channel and anicut under the Chittar river in the Tinnevelly district have been in a very bad state of disrepair for a number of decades;

(*b*) whether numerous representations have been made to various officers of the Government from time to time about the same;

(*c*) whether a memorial has been received from the Tinnevelly District Association about the critical condition of the current pishanam crops on over 500 acres of ryotwari wet lands under the channel;

(*d*) whether the Tank Restoration Scheme Party investigated the Marandai channel and anicut in or about 1926 and prepared an estimate for the repairs and improvement of the same;

(*e*) what the action, if any, taken by the Government so far is in regard to the execution of the work and when if at all the Government propose to take up the same;

(*f*) what the amounts of contribution are which the Government desire to obtain from the Uttumalai Estate and the Inamdar of Vellakal in respect of the estimated expense and what the basis is for the ascertainment of the same;

(*g*) what the steps taken so far either by negotiations or otherwise are to settle the question and the terms of contribution and what the result of the same is;

(*h*) what the replies are of the Uttumalai Estate and the Inamdar of Vellakal for the claims for contribution;

(*i*) whether legal opinion has been taken by the Government in regard to the same; and

(*j*) whether it is the intention of the Government to wait until the question of contribution is settled before taking up the work of repairs of the Marandai channel?

A.—(*a*) No. The channel was repaired in 1892 and 1904.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government have not the information but an estimate for improvements and repairs was submitted in 1930.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 255 infra.